

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1-3 and 5 were pending. Claim 1 has been rewritten, Claims 2 and 5 cancelled, and Claim 6 added. No new matter has been added.

Rejection of Claims

In previous Office Actions, Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Levin (U.S. Patent 6,154,201).

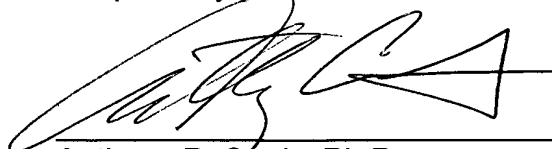
Claim 1 recites that both the actuator and manual control knob are swingable. Levin discloses an arrangement in which the actuator is not swingable – to the contrary, it is rigidly coupled to the grounded member 74. Thus, the arrangement recited in Claim 1 permits movement in one or more directions with little inertia of the actuator compared with conventional laterally movable types of actuators or without feeling resistance such as that provided by the counter force of the spring member 64 of Levin.

For at least this reason, the Claim 1 is patentable over the cited references.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and arguments above, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned agent or attorney.

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